

DISTRICT 9
COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2017

The District 9 Committee held the November 20, 2017 meeting at Aiello's Café in Ridgway, PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Manners. The following members were present: Bud Brennen, Randy Cathcart, Scott Daum, Kevin Doverspike, Mike Erickson, Peter Grecco, Bill Howard, Jim Manners, John Stoughton, Aaron Straub, Terry Straub, Bob Tonkin, Tim Walter, and Bonnie Wolbert. Not attending the meeting were Dave Osborne, John Sherry, and Matt Splain.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to approve the minutes of the September meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Kevin Doverspike to approve the September, October, and November treasurer's reports.

Accounts receivable and payable were reviewed.

Financial reports for all the District 9 Fall Championship events were presented.

The committee established to evaluate trainers' fees will meet at 8:30 AM on January 9, 2018. Serving on the committee are Mike Erickson, Matt Splain, Bill Howard, Peter Grecco, Terry Straub, and Bob Tonkin.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from Mr. Jay Israel, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at Kane Area High School, informing the committee about the participation of an ineligible player in a boys' golf match. If Kane Area High School had won the match, the match would have been forfeited. A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Mike Erickson to accept the format presented to the committee to prevent a similar situation in the future. The motion carried unanimously.

A letter was received from Mr. Robert Miller, Principal at Smethport Area High School, concerning forfeiting a soccer match because of the lack of eligible players.

A letter was received from Mrs. Melissa DeMatteis requesting to be consider for the vacancy on the District 9 Committee as the Female Parents Representative. A motion was made by Terry Straub and seconded by Tim Walter to appoint Mrs. DeMatteis for the position Females Parents Representative. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMANS' UPDATES:

The next PIAA Board of Directors Meeting will be on December 6, 2017 at the Hershey Motor Lodge at 4:00 PM.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The following items were discussed for information purposes and may be addressed at future meetings:

The sale and distribution of programs at championship events.

The method of selecting chain crews for District 9 football playoff games and the value of evaluating officials at district championship events.

An update was given about a fan who fell in the bleachers at a district football game.

Two situations were discussed concerning the final minutes of two District 9 football games:

One situation dealt with the officials ending the game prior of the fourth quarter ending.

The second dealt with a player and coach being ejected in the last seconds of a contest.

An incident was reported to the PIAA concerning the actions of a player and coach at a first round PIAA soccer contest.

A concern was voiced about some cheers from a student section at a district volleyball match. Game management should deal with any unsportsmanlike conduct.

TRANSFER REQUESTS:

A list of approved transfers has been sent to principals by Chairman Manners.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE REQUESTS:

A list of approved foreign exchange students has been sent to principals by Chairman Manners.

HEARINGS:

None

LEGAL MATTERS:

There is no updated information concerning an EEOC complaint by a District 9 official.

POLICY MANUAL:

An updated copy of the District 9 Policy Manual will be provided to committee members at the January committee meeting.

COOPERATIVE SPORTS AGREEMENTS:

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Tim Walter to approve a cooperative sports agreement between Coudersport Area High School and Austin Area High School in softball. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Randy Cathcart and seconded by Scott Daum to approve a cooperative sports agreement between Karns City High School and Moniteau High School in boys and girls soccer pending the proper paperwork. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

There are two individuals running for the position of the District 9 Male Officials Representative. Dave Blair and Bud Brennen

SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEES:

CROSS COUNTRY:

The Runner's High timing system was very efficient. Next year the system will allow the time between races to be cut by 15 minutes. The public address system will be improved for the meet next year.

GOLF:

There was a request from the girls' golf coaches to loosen the qualifying standards. A motion was made by Kevin Doverspike and seconded by Bud Brennen to lower the qualifying score to 55. The motion carried unanimously.

TENNIS:

If there are any schools that sponsor tennis and want to move up to a higher classification please notify the PIAA office.

SOCCER:

There was a concern about starting soccer matches at Clarion University at 6:00 and 8:00 PM. Due to the university football teams practice the starting time could not have been earlier.

VOLLEYBALL:

The new volleyball format was well accepted. One concern was the starting time of the matches. The volleyball committee will evaluate the starting times and playing the semi-finals at a neutral site.

A motion was made by Bill Howard and seconded by Bonnie Wolbert to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:05.

The next District 9 Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 AM at 9:00 at Aiello's Café in Ridgway.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Tonkin

District 9 Secretary

